

REMARKS

In reviewing the allowed claims, applicants noted informalities that are best corrected at the present time to improve the clarity and readability of the claims and to better serve the public interest in having clear and precise claims.

Claims 1, 19, 20, 21, and 29 are amended to change former references to “the application” to “the application program,” for greater clarity and for proper antecedent basis; to change former references to “the network device” to “the particular network device,” which has proper antecedent basis; to change former references to “the traffic flow type” to “one of the traffic flows of the one of the message types,” which has proper antecedent basis; and to provide proper antecedent basis for “the operating system.”

Claims 6, 7, 9, 10, 24, 25, and 26 are amended to change their dependency to provide proper antecedent basis for “the repository.”

Claims 13, 20, are amended to correct a typographical error in the phrase “one or more.”

Claim 19 is amended to clarify that the “application points” are the “application codepoints.”

Claim 29 is amended to provide proper antecedent basis for “processing policies.”

Claim 30 is amended to delete reference to multiple individual dependent claims and to recite the subject matter of allowed claim 1.

New claims 31-45 are introduced to recite the same subject matter as allowed claims 2-4 and 6-17, but expressed in apparatus format as recited in claim 30.

Thus, the amendments are typographical in nature and do not introduce matter requiring substantive examination.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment herein.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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